

September/October 2025



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Dates To Remember:

11/1/2025 -
Veterans Day

11/30/2025 -
Gift Wrap Christmas
Presents for Veterans
Families

1/15 - 1/18/2026 -
Midwinter Conference

2026 Renewal Dues:

Currently 5th District is in 7th Place for collecting renewal dues and new members.

I know it is not easy to collect the dues from your members, but it has to be done.

The invoices from Department were mailed mid-September. If you have received any renewals, please process them weekly.

Those that have not been renewed yet, please reach out to them to get them paid soon. Before you know it, it will be December 31st. Members not renewed by that date, lose their years of service which can come into play if they ever need financial assistance from the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund, (which Milwaukee just had that horrible flooding and many people suffered losses).

Review Member Rosters:

As you are contacting your members, please verify all information is correct on your Unit Roster, especially phone numbers as many people no longer have land lines.

Auxiliary County Function:

There will be a crafting and camaraderie benefit for our veterans being held on November 8, 2025.

Please see the flyer "Fall Gathering" for the particulars. Attached. Please share with your members. Sounds like a fun event.

Holiday Cards for Veterans:

FYI cards for Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are being sent to the Union Grove V.A. facility in all of our six units names in 5th District as a courtesy. The veterans have loved receiving these cards the past couple years.

Year End Reporting:

The process of each Unit reporting service to Veterans, Community, Youth have been streamlined and the reduced number of forms be filled in can be done online in a fillable fashion. The timeframe as you know is service from April 1, 2025, through 3/31/2026. I will show you how to do these next March. Just wanted to let you know it will be an easier process.

Sharing Info from Units:

If there is any information, event etc. that your Unit is doing, please share with me, Linda and I will let other units know.

That being said, Unit #1 has two schools in their area, St Agnes in Butler and Beautiful Savior in Milwaukee that are having a fundraiser for toiletries that the Zablocki V.A. is in need of for Veterans Day.

The students are very excited to be doing this for our Veterans. Flyers are circulating and they are collecting from November 17 – 21st.

Attention:

Department sent a correction on the 2026 Midwinter Conference Form, the price for the Honor Your Service Banquet is \$50, not \$40. This form was in your recent Unit Mailing from Department.

Hope all is well with you and family. Have a spooky Halloween, and a Grateful Thanksgiving.

If there is anything that I (Linda) can do to help your Unit in any manner, please contact me.

Linda Bartell
5th District President

PRESENTED BY: MILWAUKEE COUNTY CONFERENCE OF UNITS

Fall Gathering

\$5 PER PERSON

November 8 from 10am - 2pm

**LEGION POST 416 6351 W. GRANGE AVE.
GREENDALE, WI 53129**

Join us for a morning of crafting & camaraderie to benefit our veterans! Craft supplies & complimentary chili lunch included. **Please bring non-religious holiday cards**, they will be written & delivered to spread Holiday cheer at the VA Hospital.

R.S.V.P. BY NOVEMBER 1 - CHECK & VENMO ACCEPTED

Paying by check? Please fill out slip below, detach and mail. Paying by Venmo? Please scan QR code and include your name in payment info. Email Nicki with questions at nwingers85@gmail.com



Please detach & mail with check to Laura Calteaux 7012 W. Squire Ave, Greenfield, WI 53220

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Number Attending: _____ **Unit:** _____ **Post:** _____

Total Amount Included (\$5/person): _____

Please make check payable to MCCU